

DR. GEORGE H. DENNY IS CALLED TO UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

President of Washington and Lee Has Not Yet Announced Decision.

RECEIVES MANY TRIBUTES

Trustees, Alumni and Citizens Unite in Efforts to Persuade Him to Remain.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lexington, Va., September 15.—The community of Lexington has heard with some concern a rumor that President George H. Denny, of Washington and Lee University, has been offered the presidency of the University of Alabama. It is understood that President Denny has had the matter under consideration for several weeks, but has not yet reached a conclusion. At his special request, the matter has been kept from the newspapers until after the opening of Washington and Lee.

Very naturally, however, the trustees, the alumni and the community have quickly caught up the rumors that have been about and as a result some steps have been taken to induce President Denny to remain at Washington and Lee. For the past ten years his work at the head of this institution has met with remarkable success, and in consequence the people of Lexington are hopeful that he may continue with Washington and Lee.

President Denny has not expressed or reached a final conclusion, and has declined to discuss the situation for publication.

Meeting of Trustees.
A meeting of the board of trustees was held in Lexington September 8 for a quiet and confidential consideration of the situation. Following is an extract from the minutes of that meeting:

"Dr. G. B. Strickler, the rector, stated that the meeting had been called for such action as might seem proper, in view of the fact that President Denny had received a call to the presidency of the University of Alabama, and papers were presented to the board in this connection, signed by members of the faculty, by the business men of Lexington, and by the Mayor and Council of Lexington.

"On motion, it was resolved that President Denny's salary be increased by the sum of \$1,000 a year, with the use of the president's house.

"Messrs. William A. Anderson and L. H. Cooke were appointed a committee to draft an expression of the sense of the board, and reported the following paper, which was adopted unanimously:

Resolutions Adopted.
"It having come to the knowledge of the board that President Denny has received, and has accepted, an attractive proposal to accept the presidency of a sister institution, the board unanimously declares—

"1. That, in view of the great work and the signal success which Dr. Denny has accomplished during the ten years of his presidency of this university, and of the assurance which those results give of further and greater achievement in the future if he shall continue as the executive of this institution, we would deplore the severance of his connection with the university, as a calamity to the university, and to the cause of liberal education in this State.

"2. We beg to assure him of the continued cordial support and cooperation of this board in the future as in the past in his wise and efficient efforts in the great work in which he has already achieved such distinguished success, and express the hope that he may see his way clear to continue his present connection with the university."

Committee Calls on Denny.
"After the adoption of the above report, Messrs. Anderson and Cooke, with the addition of Messrs. St. Clair and Vance, were continued as a committee to present to Dr. Denny at once the views of the board as set forth in this paper, and to present to him, in addition, the various expressions from the members of the faculty, the citizens of Lexington and the Mayor and Council, as set forth in the papers received from them.

"This committee, after waiting on Dr. Denny, reported orally that they had laid the whole subject before him; that he had declined to consider the subject at this time, and had stated that he had not yet been able to reach a decision, and that he had expressed due appreciation of, and would give due weight to, the action of the board and others in his decision of the situation under consideration.

A Copy.
(Signed) "JOHN L. CAMPBELL, Secretary."

President Denny has received letters from alumni all over the country protesting against his leaving.

Trustees of Citizens.
The following paper, generally signed by the citizens of Lexington, has been transmitted to President Denny: "Having heard that you have been called to the University of Alabama, and that you have at this time the proposition of the coming of Governors Judson Harmon, of Ohio, to the North Carolina State Fair, October 18. Following, as he does, Governor Wilson, of New Jersey, who visited Raleigh in the early summer, the coming of Harmon and its bearing on North Carolina's line-up in the matter of the Democratic presidential nomination in 1912 is a subject of keen interest.



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nity and in the general welfare of its citizens at large.

"We further desire to express to you the earnest and sincere hope that you will conclude to remain with Washington and Lee in Lexington, to both of which your loss would be a great blow."

Town Council Acts.

Following is the resolution adopted by the Lexington Town Council:

"Whereas, the members of the Council of the town of Lexington have with much regret heard it reported that Dr. George H. Denny, President of Washington and Lee University, is considering the advisability of accepting a call to the presidency of the University of Alabama; and,

"Whereas, the Council recognizes in Dr. Denny one of the leading, if not the foremost educators of the South, who, by his wide learning, his broad and catholic views, his great executive ability, his untiring energy, and his unswerving devotion to the high ideal of duty he has raised for himself, has brought before the judge, of an elevated train on people on the street below.

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COLONEL VISITS CHILDREN'S COURT

New York, September 15.—Former President Theodore Roosevelt sat for a time to-day on the bench at the Children's Court in Manhattan, questioned many of the youthful delinquents, and told one of them that what he needed was "a good spanking, and I'd like to give it to you."

When he left he declared he "had a delightful time; a bully time."

Mr. Roosevelt sat beside Judge Franklin C. Hoyt, a personal friend. He asked more questions than the judge asked, and appeared greatly interested in the youths.

William Flohe, a fifteen-year-old boy, was brought before the judge, accused of spitting from the platform of an elevated train on people on the street below.

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A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTY COLORED COVER

News of South Richmond

South Richmond Bureau, The Times-Dispatch, 1601 Hull Street, Phone Madison 175.

Mayor Richardson will in the next few days sign a bill which means much to Washington Ward. This bill carries the appropriation covering the work on Mayor's Bridge, the new improvements on the streets and sewers, and \$1,600 for office space for the Leader Building. These officers are being rapidly put in shape for all the South Richmond municipal officers, and as soon as they are installed in the new quarters all the buildings in the square, with the exception of the courthouse, will be torn down, the square graded, and in the early spring trees and grass planted. It is hoped that by next year the park will be on par with those of the older city.

The doubling citizens at the time of annexation now realize that Richmond is keeping good faith. Never in its existence has this section seen so much street work carried on at one time; streets are graded, curbs set, sidewalks laid, and plans are on foot to extend Decatur Street, widen Seventh from McDonough to Semmes, and much to the pleasure of Swansboro neighbors, the block above the Atlantic Coast Line tracks on Hull Street is to be widened and put into first-class condition.

In Oak Grove Court.

Squire L. W. Chestnut held an interesting session in the Oak Grove Court yesterday when several auto enthusiasts were on the carpet for the almost impossible achievement of going over twenty miles an hour, the maximum allowed by law. They, however, were caught with the goods.

J. A. Briggs contributing \$12.50; D. A. Pruit, who appeared on complaint of J. Wallace Snelling, although proving his inability to drive a car the seventy-five to ninety miles charged, was assessed the same amount. The case against the Alston Motor Car Company was continued to allow the court to look into extenuating circumstances.

Gus Newby, colored, charged with most of the sins of mankind, including attempted murder, wife-beating, etc., was fined \$5.00 and put under security for six months.

Simon Patterson, colored, a young craps shooter, paid the penalty of \$4, and received a good warning to be more discreet in the future.

There were only two cases on the civil docket. James May, an employee of J. T. Nuckols, building contractor of Richmond, claimed his legal exemption from garnishment. As Mr. Nuckols failed to answer the summons a rule was issued, and the case continued, as was the case of Schwarzschild Brothers against P. S. Barnett.

Police Court, Part 2. Squire Willard sitting in the absence of Justice Maurice, had a light docket yesterday, two cases only being recorded. Violet Thornton, a colored maiden of Washington, recently released from a thirty-day sojourn at Chesterfield county jail, was given twenty-four hours to leave for home.

Bernard Brady, a wayfarer, paid the usual \$2.50 and costs and departed.

Later in the day Officer J. A. Baughan rounded up a bunch of dusky youths, who answered to the names of J. Slaughter, Carter Richardson, Clarence Jackson, Robert Hicks and James Perry. They are charged with craps shooting, and will pay up this morning.

Old Folks' Service. Sunday morning Rev. J. M. Rowland, pastor of the West End Church, at Twenty-fourth and Hull Streets, will conduct a special "Old Folks' Service." A number of veterans from the Soldiers' Home will be present, and it is hoped all old folks, especially the veterans, will be present to meet them. If any are unable to reach church and will notify the pastor or any church officer a conveyance will be sent for them. Dr. Christian will conduct the next service.

Rev. F. E. Warren, the new rector of the Meade Memorial Church, Decatur and Twelfth Streets, will conduct the usual services Sunday as follows: Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.; prayer and sermon at 11 A. and 3 P. M.

At Asbury M. E. Church Rev. W. G. Burch will preach at both services, taking for his subject in the morning "The Church of Every Kind," and at night "Eating Her Inhabitants." The choir has prepared excellent music for both occasions. Epworth League service at 7 P. M., at which time the annual election of officers will take place. The Asbury male quartet will sing at this service. All interested in the Epworth League are urged to be present.

Personal and General. Miss Aelene Redford, of 1204 Porter Street, who has been spending a month with her friend, Miss Mabel McDaniel, of Clifton Forge, has returned to her home.

L. E. Rush has returned to his business on upper Hull Street after an illness of one week.

Mrs. Charles T. Jones, of 221 Hull Street, and her daughter, Miss Esther, returned yesterday from a ten-day visit to Mrs. Jones's sister in Washington.

Mrs. George Raines, who recently moved to Georgia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Butler, of 240 Hull Street.

M. E. Rush, of High Point, N. C., is visiting his father in Woodland Heights.

Mrs. Fletcher Davis, who recently underwent a serious operation at the Memorial Hospital, is convalescing rapidly.

Samuel L. Nunnally has returned to his home in Petersburg after a short visit to his brother, J. C. Nunnally, of 1021 Decatur Street.

Carl, an old Southside resident, has gone for an extended trip for the benefit of his health.

Tainted Chicken Causes Illness. Boston, Mass., September 15.—Cold storage chicken is believed to have caused the death of William Starkweather, of New York, and the illness of between sixty and seventy sailors on board the battleship Michigan, which arrived from the Southern Drill Grounds to-day. All of the sick men have recovered. Captain Usher said

that between sixty and seventy of his men complained of sickness on September 4, but recovered. Two of three days later William Starkweather, one of the crew who came from New York complained of the same trouble, and died five days after he was taken sick.

Dixie IV. Wins. Buffalo, N. Y., September 15.—Dixie IV., Frederick W. Burham's hydroplane, easily won the "free-for-all" championship of the United States and the Chamber of Commerce trophy in a thirty-mile race over the Motorboat Club's course in the Niagara River today. Of the four other starters, the Reliance IV. was the only other to finish, and she was beaten by nearly four miles. She was entered by John J. Ryan, of Cincinnati.

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